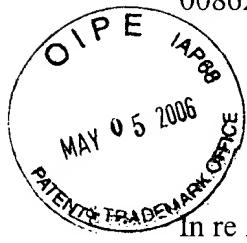


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KAZUMA SATO et al.) : Examiner: A. Shah
Application No.: 09/781,162) : Group Art Unit: 3625
Filed: February 13, 2001) :
For: EXPENDABLE MANAGEMENT)
METHOD AND SYSTEM : May 4, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2006, the period for response to which having been extended to May 6, 2006 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: